



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 97**

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House Bill No. 5392

*House of Representatives, March 25, 2014*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) The Division of State  
2       Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
3       Protection shall, in consultation with the Connecticut Pharmacists  
4       Association and the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, develop  
5       and implement a program for the collection and disposal of unwanted  
6       pharmaceuticals. Such program shall provide for (1) a secure locked  
7       box that is accessible to the public on a twenty-four-hour daily basis  
8       for the anonymous drop-off of unwanted pharmaceuticals at each  
9       municipal police station and state police barracks, and (2) the transport  
10      of such pharmaceuticals to a biomedical waste treatment facility, as  
11      defined in section 22a-207 of the general statutes, for incineration.

12      (b) The Division of State Police within the Department of  
13      Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, within available  
14      appropriations, organize a public awareness campaign to educate the

15 public concerning the dangers of unsafe disposal of pharmaceuticals  
16 and of the availability of the pharmaceutical collection and disposal  
17 program at municipal police stations and state police barracks.

18 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
19 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54  
20 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
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**PS**

*Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	75,000 - 100,000	25,000 - 50,000

#### ***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Cost	Less than 10,000 per location	Less than 10,000 per location

### ***Explanation***

The bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to develop and implement a program for the collection and disposal of unwanted pharmaceuticals at both state and municipal police stations.

The bill is anticipated to result in a cost to DESPP of \$75,000 - \$100,000 in FY 15. This amount includes the purchase and installation of secure boxes at each state police barrack. In addition, it is anticipated that a vendor would be retained to manage the transport and disposal of such pharmaceuticals. In FY 16, and annually thereafter, the bill is anticipated to result in a cost to DESPP of \$25,000 - \$50,000 for the transport and disposal of pharmaceuticals by a contracted vendor.

Assuming that municipalities are responsible for the cost of installing, maintaining, and servicing secure boxes located at municipal police stations, the bill is anticipated to result in costs of less

than \$10,000 per location in both FY 15 and FY 16.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5392*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the State Police, in consultation with the Connecticut Pharmacists Association and Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, to develop and implement a program to collect and dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals (medication). The program must provide for (1) a secure locked box accessible to the public 24 hours a day to drop off unwanted medication anonymously at all local police stations and State Police barracks and (2) transporting the medication to a biomedical waste treatment facility for incineration.

The bill requires the State Police, within available appropriations, to organize a public awareness campaign to educate the public about the program and the dangers of unsafe medication disposal.

It also allows the emergency services and public protection commissioner to adopt implementing regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

**BACKGROUND*****Medication Drop Box Programs***

According to the Department of Consumer Protection, 36 municipalities participate, or will soon participate, in a voluntary medication drop-off program operating statewide.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea     24     Nay   0     (03/13/2014)